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CORONER'S INQUEST.

EVIDENCE IN THE SWOVERLAND-STEWART CASE STILL ON.

Three Witnesses before the Coroner Today. Evidence a Little Conflicting on One or Two Points.

The interest in the inquest held at the coroner's office in this city is abating. A few points that had not been brought out before have been learned, but the report that appeared in THE INDEPENDENT last Saturday was in the main correct. One of the points not mentioned is in substance as follows:

It was reported that a constable from Bremen was called on to arrest Stewart and was resisted. At the time spoken of Stewart had received the painful wound in the arm. Meredith Swoverland still retained the knife with which he had cut Stewart, and Mart Swoverland was coming down the road with his revolver in his hand. Stewart at this time was trying to get away and load his revolver, to be prepared to meet Mart Swoverland. At this juncture the constable attempted to disarm Stewart, but the latter seeing the approach of young Swoverland armed, refused to give up his gun.

At the inquest yesterday the only contradictory evidence was that given by John Carter, who asserted that Swoverland told Stewart to stop. On all other points the evidence seemed to be about the same. In the evidence given today, B. F. Garver, of Bremen, on this point, gave about the same version as that above mentioned. A synopsis of the evidence taken today is as follows:

Joseph Davis Jr.—I am in the hardware business at Bourbon. Swoverland came into my store two weeks ago Saturday. He said:

"Joe, I would like for you to fill up a good revolver and lend it to me."

I said: "John, I am afraid you will hurt yourself or somebody else." He said:

"I want a good revolver to protect myself."

I said: "John, we have only this cheap thing."

He said: "I want a good one."

I said: "John you had better let this thing blow over. It will be better for all."

He then turned and went out. I saw he was mad at some one, but did not know who.

Steven Gerard—Heard Swoverland say:

"I have but a few days to live, and I will kill the — before I die." He (Gerard) asked him who he was going to kill.

Swoverland said: "There they are," pointing across the street. He repeated it several times. At that time Swoverland had his hand in his overcoat pocket, and remarked:

"I am fixed for them."

I am sure he meant Stewart for I heard him speak his name. Those present when conversation took place were: Curtis Waxter, Mel Spencer, Mel Reed, Geo. McCoy.

Gerald said he had seen Swoverland carry a revolver several times.

James O. Thomas—Lived at Bourbon. His evidence was to the effect that he heard only a part of the conversation heard by Mr. Gerald.

B. F. Garver—Stated he lived at Bremen. Knew Swoverland for the past fifteen years, but was not acquainted with Stewart. He saw Swoverland when he went to dinner. He was gone about an hour. Was standing on the porch of the house when Swoverland returned, and remained there during the encounter. He said Swoverland stopped on the west side of the road. Did not hear him talk loud until he stopped. Stewart at this time was standing on the inside of the fence about fifteen feet from the gate that led out into the road. Swoverland said:

"Stewart, I understand that you sent for me, and if you did, — G — I am here, and anything you want you can have."

Stewart replied, "No, I did not send for you; but I had some trouble with your boy. But if you want to take it up for him the road is open."

Stewart then started toward Swoverland. When Stewart got into the road about six or eight feet Swoverland told him to not come one inch farther. Stewart kept on. When half way across the road Swoverland again said:

"Don't come one inch farther!"

Swoverland had his right hand in his overcoat pocket, and about that time he pulled his revolver and shot. They were eight or ten feet apart. Did not know who fired the second shot, as they

were so close together that I could not tell who fired, and as near as I could tell some four or five shots were exchanged. Saw Swoverland fall and Stewart shoot after he was down. While the shooting was going on Stewart continued to advance toward Swoverland. Saw Swoverland regain his feet after he fell, but did not see him shoot at Stewart after he got up. Did not know Swoverland carried a revolver.

The witness further testified that while Stewart was advancing toward Swoverland his hands were down by his side, and remained in that position until the first shot was fired by Swoverland.

A Large Funeral.

The funeral services of Mr. John Swoverland were held at the Dunkard Brethren church, five miles northwest of Bourbon, Sunday. There was present the largest crowd of people that has ever been known to attend a funeral in this section of the country, there being present, at a low estimate, 1,100 people.

The crowd began gathering at the church at 9:30 a. m., and at 10:50 the house was packed, standing room being a luxury. People from Argos, Plymouth, Inwood, Bourbon and Bremen were present, and, seemingly, everybody living in the country for miles around. The teams that were hitched along the road, both east and west, and extending for a quarter of a mile each way, numbered 315—regardless of the five inches of mud on the roads. There was a short service at the home at 10 a. m., after which they left with the remains for the church 3½ miles south-west arriving there at 11:40 a. m., where the full funeral services were held under the charge of Rev. John Sellers, of the Dunkard Brethren church. The services were opened by the singing of the familiar hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee" singing being led by the choir, after which the following obituary was read by Rev. Sellers.

"Mr. John Swoverland was born June 24, 1837 and died Jan. 30th, 1896, aged 58 years, 7 months and 6 days. He was married to Nancy Jackson Jan. 17, 1867. To this union were born five children, three sons and two daughters, who with the mother survive the father. Mr Swoverland was a kind husband and father, good to his family, but a very high spirited man. He made every effort to improve the country and was a No. 1 citizen and good neighbor but like many others, the one thing most needful, that is the religion in Jesus Christ, sad indeed.

Mr. Sellers then opened his sermon by reading his text from the 24th Chapter of Matthew and the 44th verse—viz.

"Therefore be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not the son of man cometh."

After the delivery of a most eloquent sermon of some 30 minutes, the remains were laid to rest in the grave, after which the last sad rites of our old friend John Swoverland were finished by a short prayer by Rev. Sellers.

The following gentlemen of Bourbon acted as pall bearers, Matthew Erwin, Austin Downing, James Sherwood, Owin Unger, Georgie Stockman and Cal Shakes. Mr. E. K. Byrer had charge of the burial.

Children's Home Society of Indiana. The members of Local Advisory Board for Plymouth are as follows:

Mrs. J. W. Parks President,
" H. G. Thayer Vice President,
" J. W. Jackson Secretary,
" S. J. Chaplin Treasurer
" D. E. McDonald
" M. A. Esterday,
" G. R. Wilson,
" C. Maxey,
" H. R. Pershing,
" Ruth Miller,
" John Blain,
Mr. W. H. Seider.

At The Inquest.

Monday's incidents regarding the shooting of John Swoverland, before the coroner were along the same line taken Saturday. The inquest adjourned at 3 o'clock to meet at 11 Tuesday.

The only conflicting evidence given so far is said to be regarding the meeting of Stewart and Swoverland in the road. The greater number of the witnesses state that the old man called him out in the road and then shot at Stewart. The evidence given by John Carter is to the effect that the old man told Stewart to stop, when he started to meet him. It is probable the evidence will be completed tomorrow.

The Boy's Version.

A few days ago we gave a short local regarding the way a girl parses "Kiss." The following is the way one of our school boys parses it:

"Kiss is a verb, regular; principal parts, two lips; active and passive voice—active with boys and passive on most of the girls."

Those Chickens.

Upton Stansbury, is said to be the greatest chicken raiser in this section of the state. He has a flock of chickens known as "Blue Andillusions." The breed of hens were formerly from Spain, but recently from England. Upton seems to have gotten a dead cinch on idea of "How to make hens lay" (eggs) Joe Swindell and a number of other fellows who are interested in the "egg culture" have been trying for some time to get on the right side and learn what Stansbury uses to produce this effect upon his hens. They are confident one or two of the ingredients are in their possession, but not being chemists they are afraid to use them, fearing they would kill the hens. Some of our readers may think this an "illusion," but look at this array of evidence. Beginning last November immediately after the election, twenty eight of these pullets began to do business, and this is the result by months. November 45 eggs; December, 334; January, 419; February 448. At this time Stansbury rung in some old hens, and the March record was 551. Mr. Stansbury could beat this record, but owing to the fact that he is a member of the Bachelor's Club, and no woman to keep tab on him when he counts the eggs we believe it is best to stop right here. But there is no discount on the chickens.

Fisher's Comedians.

"A Cold Day" will be here tonight. Our fun and music loving people will now have a chance to see a farce comedy that has played from New York to San Francisco, and from Winnipeg to New Orleans. This is the ninth successful season of "A Cold Day." The fun comes quick and fast there is no plot in it, and one only loses time if they try to find it. The best farce comedies have no plot, as it is impossible to make funny sayings, situations and plot work together successfully. Plots belong to dramas, and not to farce comedies. "A Cold Day" is for laughing purposes only, and as such has been a success. Perkins D. Fisher has created in Abe a character that has made for him a most excellent reputation, as well as a small fortune. Miss Jean Delmar, who is Mrs. Fisher in private life, is a clever actress, and a singer of excellent reputation, having been principal soprano of many first class opera companies. The balance of the company has a metropolitan reputation.

Gas May be Cut off.

A petition signed by leading farmers and real estate people of Madison county has been addressed to the county commissioners asking them to meet in special session and condemn all natural gas pipe lines in that county that have a pressure of more than 300 pounds to the square inch. This means that all the lines conveying gas to outside cities are to be put under the ban. A decision of the supreme court last week was the effect that all pipe lines having a pressure of more than 300 pounds to the square inch can be condemned as dangerous. This would make it possible for the commissioners of Indiana to deal an effectual blow to all lines such as those furnishing Chicago, Indianapolis, Richmond, Lafayette, Fort Wayne and other Indiana and Ohio cities with gas. None of them can operate with a pressure of less than 300 pounds as it would not force the gas the distance.

It is more than likely that the commissioners of the gas belt counties will act together in this matter, as people living in the gas belt have been trying ineffectually for years to find some way of heading off foreign companies that are sucking the very life out of the belt. It is estimated that there are 1,500 miles of mains in this state that are thus jeopardized.—Goshen News of Jan. 30th.

Another Billiard Hall.

We learn by the Valparaiso Vidette that another billiard hall will soon be in operation in that city. For some time Mr. James Zinn, formerly of the Gem Cigar Store in this city, has been contemplating entering into business in Valparaiso, and we have no doubt that the new parlor about to be launched in that city is under his guidance. We can heartily recommend Jim to the people of Valparaiso, and can assure them that if he locates there he will make an excellent record as a cater to the public's desires in his line of business.

Found Dead.

The little three months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Stones, near Inwood was found dead in bed last Monday noon. The little one had been in feeble health ever since its birth. It was buried today at the cemetery near Jacoby's church.

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A BACHELOR CLUB.

THEY HAVE FORMED AN ORGANIZATION IN PLYMOUTH.

This Step Had Been Deemed Necessary Owing to the New Woman and the Trouble Supposed to Come Through Leap Year.

For some time past a number of our citizens who have passed into the dismal shades of bachelorhood, have been seriously contemplating the formation of a "protective league." The cause principally alluded to by them, is the note of warning given by the advancing column of the new woman. It is well known by these gentlemen owing to leap year being present, their prospects for passing through the ordeal unscathed is very remote. So taking all things into consideration, they have concluded to form a bond of fellowship so sacred and oath-bound, that the bloomer clad siren cannot break through the meshes of red tape, signals and grips so as to remove one of the flock from the care of the judicious and careful shepherd.

These gentlemen, we are informed by one who is connected with the inner circle, have about consummated arrangements for the large suite of rooms over the Phoenix cigar store, which they will fit up in all the splendor and magnificence pertaining to a thoroughly equipped bachelor's hall. While it is authentically stated they will not have hung upon the wall such mottos as: "God Bless our Home," or ingrain carpets upon the floor, the recently employed janitor claims there will be as many as two cuspidors in the reception room of these apartment.

To give warning as to their opinion upon this new department among the fairer sex, they propose to have placed upon the large bay window that faces Laporte street in large white letters these words:

Bachelors Paradise. He who enters here, leaves wedded bliss behind." The Koko, or in other words the shepherd has not up to this time been appointed, but it is thought that Chris Fisher and Chas. Shadel are about neck and neck for the honors. The membership at the present time is not complete, but we have received from one of these gentlemen aspiring for the position of Koko, a partial list. They are:

Christ Fisher,	Chas Shadel,
Gene Lewis,	Sam Gretzinger,
Upton Stansbury,	Hal Kelley,
Barney Ocker,	Cal Klinger,
Chas Cressner,	Jim Bailey,
Van Valkenburg,	W Corbin,
Chas. Umphrey,	Lee Lauer,
Ben Bergman,	Eldridge Thompson.

While this is not the completed list yet when completed will present quite an array of masculine ability to cope with the new woman. We might state for the benefit of those unacquainted with the roster used in this club, the secretary enters the name of the applicant upon the roster with a pen made out of the toe nail of a hen and the ink an equal mixture of rooster and fox blood.

Band of Canaanites.

Lewis Canaan is again disturbing the even tenor of the ways of the church-going people to the north of Bourbon. A report to THE INDEPENDENT says that he had another fit or two Friday night at a Methodist revival meeting being conducted by Rev. Singer, of Bourbon, six miles north of that place. He is reported to have executed a series of most extraordinary and startling contortions. He fell upon the floor, frothed at the mouth and writhed and eked about awhile and then got up. The interrupted service was resumed, but did not continue long when Canaan began a repetition of the performance and the minister requested that his friends remove him from the chapel, which they did not do. He was removed, however, by two strong and good men, whereupon his friends arose in a huff, set their faces to the way of exit and departed in high dudgeon to the neighboring house of Simon Hanes, where they held a worshipful service of their own and permitted Canaan to "manifest the working of the Lord" at the dictates of his own impulses. His adherents are said to have had a very interesting meeting.

Catholics and Secret Orders.

The appeal to Cardinal Satoli for his influence toward bringing about a repeal of the edict of the Pope prohibiting American Catholics from belonging to the K. of P., I. O. O. F., or Sons of Temperance orders, has proven of no avail, and there is now said to be no alternative left for Catholic members but to withdraw or ignore the edict. The orders have 1,500,000 Catholic members in America.—Ex.